

A MESSAGE FROM CHARLES BERMAN

Dear North Hempstead Taxpayer:

Although school taxes are collected by the Receiver of Taxes, payments you make in response to the school bill are forwarded to your local school district and local library district, if applicable, and do not fund the operation of town government. The factors that determine the amount of your school bill are beyond the control of the Town of North Hempstead. These factors are:

- ♦ The assessment on your home, which is determined by the Nassau County Department of Assessment.
- ♦ The budget and tax levy approved by voters and adopted by your local Board of Education.
- ♦ The percentage of your school district's tax levy paid by property owners in your property tax class.

This is the only School tax bill you will receive. PLEASE KEEP YOUR SECOND-HALF STUB IN A SAFE PLACE. If you should lose it, please contact our office, or you may print your tax bill online. Thank you.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Paying Your Taxes

First-half 2016-2017 School Tax payments must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before November 10, 2016 to avoid penalty (postage meters are not considered official postmarks). If you are paying in full by November 10th, please remember to take the one percent (1%) discount on the Second-half amount as indicated on your bill. Second-half 2016-2017 School Tax payments are payable without penalty on or before May 10, 2017. If you mail your payment on or just before the due date, please have your payment envelope hand stamped inside the Post Office to ensure a timely postmark.

Information about paying taxes online can be found on the reverse side of your bill. Online payments may be made by check (ACH) or credit card. Please note that credit card payments may only be made online and cannot be processed by our cashiers. When paying with an online check through *your* bank, please schedule the payment at least ten days prior to the deadline, and be sure to include your 2016-2017 School Tax bill number and your section, block, and lot.

TAXES ARE NOT CONSIDERED PAID UNTIL YOUR PAYMENT HAS CLEARED THE BANK.

Updating/Changing Your Information

Property owners are responsible to ensure that property information is up-to-date with the Tax Receiver's Office and your Incorporated Village (if applicable). Whenever you move, or have any other change in ownership or billing address, please be sure to notify the Tax Receiver's office and your Incorporated Village (if applicable) to ensure that tax bills are sent to the correct location, thus avoiding late fees and penalties.

Please contact the Department of Assessment before you change the name on your deed or certificate of shares, or are changing your place of residence, to ensure that you are not jeopardizing your property tax exemptions.

Exemptions

You may be eligible for a property tax exemption. The 2017-2018 exemption filing (or renewal) deadline is January 2, 2017. For further information, please visit our webpage at www.northhempsteadny.gov/tax or call our office. Exemption information is also available from the Nassau County Dept. of Assessment at 240 Old Country Road, Mineola NY 11501 (Tel: 516-571-1500) or by visiting: www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/assessor/.

If you have a STAR Exemption on your School Tax bill, you will continue to receive it as long as you are eligible. New applicants who qualify for STAR must register for the new STAR Credit Program with the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance instead of applying to the Nassau County Department of Assessment. You may register online at www.tax.ny.gov (choose Changes to STAR, then Register for STAR), or by calling **1-518-457-2036**.

Alternative Veterans are automatically receiving a reduction on their School Tax bill. Eligible Funds Veterans, who filed an application for a School Tax exemption last year, will continue to receive the exemption. Eligible Funds Veterans who did not file last year, should submit an application to the Nassau County Dept. of Assessment by January 2, 2017 to qualify for the 2017-2018 School Tax year.

Nassau County Grievance Period EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT!

You have the right to challenge your tentative assessed value assigned on January 2nd by the Nassau County Department of Assessment. The next Assessment Grievance period is **January 2 - March 1, 2017** for the 2018-2019 Tentative Assessment Roll. During this period, grievances may be filed at the Nassau County Department of Assessment, 240 Old Country Rd., 4th Floor, Mineola, NY. For further information or to file a grievance online, visit the [Nassau County Assessment Review Commission](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov) (ARC) [webpage at www.nassaucountyny.gov (choose Departments and then Assessment Review Commission)]. Applications will be available in January.

Important Telephone Numbers

Receiver of Taxes Office: 516-869-7800

North Hempstead Call Center: 311 (516-869-6311 from outside North Hempstead)